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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH THE SOMALI
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1. PRESIDENT CARTER RECEIVED AMBASSADOR ADDOU IN AN
UNPUBLISHED CALL ON JUNE 16. ADDOU, CALLING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM SIAD, TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT THE USSR WAS PLACING
IMMENSE PRESSURE ON SOMALIA TO SUBORDINATE ITS NATIONAL
INTERESTS TO THE INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM.
ADDOU COMPLIMENTED THE PRESIDENT ON HIS SUPPORT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AND HE THANKED THE PRESIDENT FOR HAVING SENT AN AID

SURVEY TEAM TO MOGADISCIO, BUT SAID TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS
SOMALIA NEEDED MILITARY AS WELL AS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

2. THE PRESIDENT ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY HIS GOOD
WISHES TO PRESIDENT SIAD AND HIS THANKS FOR HIS INTEREST,
WHICH WE SHARED, IN A STRONGER MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP.
THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO OUR CONCERN OVER THE NATURE OF THE
SOMALI-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEVELOP-
MENT AT BERBERA AND THE USE OF SOMALIA BY SOVIET ANTI-
SUBMARINE WARFARE PLANES, BUT ADDED THAT WE RELIED ON THE
INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOMALI PEOPLE TO GUARD THEIR OWN INTE-
RESTS. WE DID NOT WISH TO COMPETE WITH THE USSR; WE WANTED
SOMALIA TO BE NON-ALIGNED AND NOT DOMINATED BY ANYONE.

WE DESIRED A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO SOMALIA'S PROBLEMS WITH
ETHIOPIA AND WERE PLEASED THAT INDEPENDENCE FOR DJIBOUTI
HAD THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ALL THE STATES IN THE AREA.

3. REFERRING TO REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE, THE
PRESIDENT SAID THAT WE FOUND IT EASIER TO GIVE ECONOMIC
THAN MILITARY AID UNILATERALLY, BUT THAT WE WERE TRYING
TO WORK WITH THE SAUDIS AND OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES TO SEE
THAT SOMALIA HAD ADEQUATE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES WITHOUT
RELYING ON THE SOVIET UNION. THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED
THAT A US MILITARY ATTACHE IN MOGADISCIO WOULD BE HELPFUL
TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SOMALIA'S MILITARY NEEDS. THE
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PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOMALIA WOULD SEE AN
ADVANTAGE IN RELYING ON A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING
EUROPEAN ONES AS WELL AS ON U.S.

4. AMBASSADOR ADDOU SAID HE WOULD RETURN FROM MOGADISCIO
AT THE END OF AUGUST AND HOPED THERE WOULD BE FURTHER
FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT THEN.

5. EMBASSY JIDDA SHOULD REPORT SUBSTANCE OF THIS MEETING
TO PRINCE SAUD. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE ARE GOING AHEAD
WITH OUR ECONOMIC AID. HOWEVER, WE HAVE YET TO SEE ANY
CLEAR SIGN THAT SIAD IS TRULY PREPARED TO ALTER HIS
DEPENDENCY ON THE SOVIETS. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED BY THE
INCREASE IN FIGHTING IN EASTERN ETHIOPIA, AND ESPECIALLY
BY THE SABOTAGE OF THE ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILWAY. YOU
SHOULD ASK FOR HIS EVALUATION OF THE LATEST TRENDS IN
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